

**PROVO RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM  
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD  
January 14, 1962**

Pursuant to the Notice from the office of the State Engineer, and to call by the Chairman, the Board of Directors of the Provo River Distribution System convened at 10:00 a.m. in Room 311 of the Utah County Courthouse.

Chairman J. Edwin Ure presided.

On roll call, the following were present:

J. Edwin Ure, Chairman  
Sherman A. Giles  
Harvey Van Wagoner, Vice-Chair.  
Jesse Robinson  
Stanley H. Roberts  
Kenneth R. Gillman  
Franklin K. Stratton  
Jack M. Gardner, Secty.-Treas.  
Ernest Knight

Group 1 Kanab Valley Canals  
Group 2 Upper Provo, East Heber Valley  
Group 3 Upper Provo, West Heber Valley  
Group 4 Provo City Canals  
Group 5 East Provo Canals  
Group 6 Provo Bench Canals  
Group 7 Provo Reservoir Water Users Co.  
Group 8 Provo River Water Users Assn.  
Group 9 Upper Provo Individual Rights

Present from State Engineer's Office were:

Edward D. Feldt  
Donald C. Norseth  
Jerry L. Bronicel

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Also present were:

Stanley H. Roberts, Jr.  
Carly Burton  
Myron R. Frederick  
Richard S. Hixson  
Warren Peay  
M. Wayne Hillier  
Hugh A. McKellar  
Farrel Knight

Provo River Commissioner  
Utah Power & Light Company  
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MWD of Provo  
Provo River Water Users Association  
Visitor

Mr. Norseth opened the meeting and inquired if there were any changes in officers or directors, and was advised that Jesse Robinson had replaced Merrill Bingham representing Group 4, Provo City Canals, otherwise the officers and directors remained the same. He then introduced Edward Feldt and Jerry L. Bronicel, and advised that Mr. Feldt is District Engineer for the Provo River and Utah Lake District and Jerry L. Bronicel would also be working in this District primarily in the distribution of underground water.

Mr. Norseth then presented the agenda of the meeting and noted that the precipitation was throughout the state above normal. The basin averages for the Provo River was 166%; Ogden and Weber Rivers,

172%; Duchesne River, 161% and that reservoir storage generally was above average.

Whereupon, Mr. Norseth turned the meeting over to Chairman Ure.

#### CORRECTION, ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING, JANUARY 15, 1981.

At the request of the Chairman, Secretary Gardner presented the minutes and advised that at the special meeting of the Board of Directors with the State Engineer held on January 15, 1981 that a resolution was adopted that inasmuch as the minutes were published, that the reading of the minutes of a meeting by the Board be waived.

Whereupon there being no corrections, Director Van Wagoner moved that the minutes be adopted, seconded by Director Roberts and carried unanimously.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT OF 1981 AND DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS:

Mr. Norseth then presented the 1981 Financial Report and delinquent accounts as prepared by the State Engineer. The Financial Report is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

After due discussion and upon motion duly made, by Director Giles, seconded by Director Van Wagoner and carried unanimously, the Financial Statement was accepted as presented.

It was noted that delinquent assessments were down to \$138.04 and that some of these existed because of the problems in determining ownership.

#### COMMISSIONER AND DEPUTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

Commissioner Roberts noted that the 1981 annual report would be completed on the finalizing of the bi-monthly reports for the year as controversies existed over certain items in the reports.

Whereupon Commissioner Roberts called on Deputy Commissioner Giles for his report of distribution of the Wasatch Division during the past irrigation season.

Deputy Commissioner Giles noted that as of January 8th that the snow depths and water content of certain measuring stations on the Provo River and Weber River drainages are as follows:

<u>STATION</u>	<u>WATER CONTENT</u>	<u>% OF NORMAL</u>
Trial Lake	19.5"	171%
Beaver Creek Divide	10.0"	149%



<u>STATION</u>	<u>WATER CONTENT</u>	<u>% OF NORMAL</u>
Daniels-Strawberry Summit	13.7"	211%
Current Creek	6.2"	132%
Smith & Morehouse	9.0"	153%

Deputy Commissioner Giles then noted that the 1981 water year was below normal due to the below normal precipitation until May when there were heavy rains and snow in the higher elevation. The runoff in June was below normal. Well, Washington and Big Elk Reservoirs did not fill to capacity to the extent of 800 acre feet. Heber Valley was delivered water to 100% of river until the 1st of July and then dropped to 70% to September. In September some good rain storms helped the situation.

Deputy Commissioner Giles then expressed his appreciation to the Provo River Water Users Association for its assistance in constructing dry dams on the Upper Provo noting that due to the fluctuation more adjustments were needed last year than usual and further expressed his appreciation for the cooperation shown by Commissioner and State Engineer and others in distributing the water on the Upper Provo in the 1981 water year.

Commissioner Roberts reported that there was approximately 34,000 acre feet of Provo River water stored in Deer Creek by the Provo River Water Users Association thru agreement with Utah Power & Light Company to compensate it for it's power loss. This was possible as Utah Lake had sufficient water in storage to satisfy the rights in Utah Lake; that water delivery from the Provo dropped to 50% minimum. That September rains helped the situation.

Commissioner Roberts expressed his appreciation to Deputy Commissioner Giles for his cooperation in distribution of water on the Upper Provo River and to the Board for its cooperation.

#### BUDGET AND ASSESSMENT, 1982.

Chairman Ure advised that at the annual meeting of the Board the budget and assessment had been approved and adopted and asked Secretary Gardner to present the budget and assessment. The budget was presented and it was noted that the 1982 budget was set at \$40,600 and that an assessment of \$40,000 was levied for the 1982 water year.

A copy of the 1982 budget is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

STATE ENGINEER ADVISED OF RECOMMENDATION OF COMMISSIONER AND DEPUTY COMMISSIONER:

Chairman Ure advised Mr. Norseth that at the annual meeting held on the 12th of January, that Stanley H. Roberts, Jr., the only candidate for the oncoming year, had requested a meeting with the State Engineer and others regarding problems and disputes that had arisen in the distribution of water in the Provo Division. These problems were discussed with Mr. Norseth and Mr. Norseth was then advised that Commissioner Roberts had advised the Board that if these disputes could be worked out that he would remain candidate for Commissioner otherwise he would not.

Mr. Norseth was then advised that the Board at the meeting of January 12, 1982 had adopted the following resolution:

RESOLVED that an executive committee comprised of the officers of the Board meet with the State Engineer, Stan Roberts and Hugh McKellar and if these problems can be satisfactorily solved, then the Board will recommend Stan Roberts as Commissioner for the 1982 oncoming year, otherwise the Board will not recommend him as Commissioner but will call a special Board meeting for the purpose of recommending a Water Commissioner.

Whereupon Mr. Norseth advised that he would call a meeting with the State Engineer either on the 25th or 29th of January and would give notice by letter to those involved.

Chairman Ure then noted that the Board had recommended Sherman Giles as Deputy Commissioner for the oncoming year.

Mr. Norseth said he would take the recommendations under advisement and present the same to the State Engineer.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business and upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Jack M. Gardner  
Secretary